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THE BATTLE FOR BERNAL HEIGHTS:

ELSIE STREET—ROUND TWO

The Big Picture...

by Buck Bagot

Anyone who lives in San Francisco, in Bernal Heights, knows that it's getting harder and harder to afford to live here, in our City, in our neighborhood. The pressures of high housing costs, insufficient or expensive day care, schools that don't do the minds of our children justice—sometimes it all seems to add up to a City meant only for rich folks.

On Bernal Heights lately, it's getting even more extreme. The neighborhood seems to be being torn down around our ears—like the demolitions of buildings at the corner of Virginia and Winfield, or at 154 Gates St. In their place—or on existing vacant lots—housing speculators build the Bernal version of "Richmond specials"—big, ugly boxes, far beyond the range of most Bernal residents to afford. These shoeboxes blot out our light and eat up our views.

It's not the first time that Bernal Heights has had to fight for its life. We've won the past battles, and we'll win this one.

BERNAL BEATS REDEVELOPMENT—AND SAVES THE TOP OF THE HILL

You'd have to be a long-time Bernal resident—like Lee Egger, or Bob and Margaret Randolph, or Sedalia Brown, or Jeanne Hamer and Charlene Martinez—to remember the battles. But Bernal defeated an Arthur D. Little Company study in the mid-'60s and a move by redevelopment to bulldoze many Bernal houses. In the mid-'70s, the top of the hill was held by the SF Department of Public Works. DPW sold the tip for the building of the microwave tower that tops the crest. But Bernal neighbors organized, and began an effort that the Bernal Heights Open Space Committee continues today. Bernalians defeated the effort by DPW to sell off the rest of our hilltop for private development. The land was transferred from DPW to the Department of Recreation and Parks, and set aside as open space forever.

ELSIE STREET—ROUND ONE

In the late '70s, the profits to be made from housing speculation were soaring. Unscrupulous developers tried to build on parts of Bernal Heights that didn't even have paved streets, on the West, East, and South slopes. A speculator
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Charles Bolton, Linda Canaga, and Bob and Margaret Randolph join over 25 neighbors in confronting developers and City Planning Department officials at the site of the controversial building on Elsie Street.

Elsie's Latest Woes...

by Charles Bolton

Over the last month, the residents of Bonview, Elsie, Virginia, and Winfield Streets have been involved in round two of the *battle for Elsie Street*. The current round started when startled residents saw a third story being built on the house currently under construction at the mouth of Elsie and Virginia. When residents asked city authorities about it, they were told that the building meets city codes and the building guidelines in the Elsie Street Plan.

The neighbors asked the City Planning Department and the Bureau of Building Inspection (BBI) to measure the structure. City Planning's measurement was 34 feet high; BBI's was 28.5 feet high. Residents measured the height from the curb to the top of the roof as 47.5 feet. The reason that the two city measurements are so low is that they measure from the midpoint of the slope, not from the curb. (It is unclear why those two measurements differed by 5.5 feet).

The residents also want to know if the city classifies this building as two, three, or four stories high. Some say that the garage counts as a story, others say it does not. And the big question

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Mayor Cuts Youth Program !!!

by Fred Allingham

Mayor Diane Feinstein has announced that she is cutting off funds to the Mayor's In-School Youth Program (MISY) due to the expected high deficit in the city's budget (*SF Examiner* 9/16/87 and *SF Chronicle* 9/17/87). This program provides jobs to over 500 low income and minority youths for ten hours per week during the school year. While a positive effort to assist youth, the program was inadequate based on overall need. Now even this is gone.

Over the past few years, lack of funding for youth has reached crisis proportions. Social services, schools, and employment are all experiencing financial problems. While professional sports teams and developers of large tracts of land receive grants, loans, and other services from cities, young people have lost their priority in the hearts and minds of decision makers. Politicians pay lip service to the

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NEW BERNAL JOURNAL

515 Cortland Avenue,
(phone 648-0330).

The *New Bernal Journal* is an open forum of the community sponsored by the Bernal Heights Community Foundation. It is dedicated to providing the people of Bernal Heights with neighborhood news, ideas, issues, and events. Articles express the views of contributors and not necessarily those of the Community Foundation.

The next meeting of the *New Bernal Journal* Advisory Board is October 12.

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Tasha Inouchi becomes a *master* on the MAC!

Express your opinion! If you don't agree with something you read in the *New Bernal Journal*, write a letter to the Editor—or submit your own article!



D-Day August '87

Pictured are just some of the over 50 neighbors who came out on August 1 to deliver over 6,000 copies of the *New Bernal Journal* door-to-door. D-Day was such a success that the Bernal Journal Advisory Board decided to make it a regular happening! By the time you read this, we will have distributed over 8,000 copies on October 3.

December D-Day is set for Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. at the Neighborhood Center, 515 Cortland. Be there or be square!



Thanks to our August distributors. If we missed anyone, let us know!

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...and many more who forgot to sign in!

To the Editor...

Dear Editor:

The outrageous number of demolitions and out of scale construction projects in the Richmond and Sunset has given the City Planning Commission impetus to pass a new 24-foot zoning control for residential buildings. I am in full support of their downzoning but it must be applied citywide. We cannot solve the problems of the Richmond and Sunset by transferring them to Bernal Heights and Glen Park.

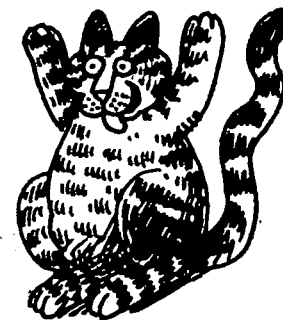
A basic problem with the current zoning is that in neighborhoods that consist primarily of smaller houses such as Bernal, it tends to make land worth more than the buildings upon it. The result in other areas has been wholesale demolitions. We must reduce the size of buildings that can be built through better zoning, or our community will be demolished in short order.

Legislation will soon be submitted to the Board of Supervisors that will significantly reduce this likelihood. This proposal will be before the Land Use Committee within the next two months and I urge your support, both in letters to Members of the Board and your attendance at the Committee meetings.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 554-5401.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Bill Maher



Invest in our future!

Coming soon in December and January: our special state surplus rebate checks! The Governor insisted on returning this money to us, the taxpayers, instead of reinvesting it in the school system. He has invited each of us to invest the rebate—to strengthen the state economy.

We've got a better Idea! Let's invest in our future! Let's strengthen the development of our young people, and sign our rebate checks over to our favorite youth program! **Endorse the checks to: "BHCF—BJYP", and you'll get an instant tax deduction!** Your contribution will help the Bernal Journal Youth Project train low income neighborhood youth in marketable job skills—all while publishing your great

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Thank you!

Someone Special

by Barbara Bagot

We were trying to figure out a way to squeeze her resumé onto one page on the Mac, playing with the formatting commands, trying smaller type...It didn't dawn on me until that evening: Wait a minute! This young woman just turned seventeen! I didn't even have a resumé when I was her age!

Monifa Tonja Quarels, Banks Street, senior at Phillip Burton Academic High School, plans to receive an MBA, then be a stockbroker...Peer Tutor, Junior Class President, Honor Roll, Leadership Award...

Monifa Tonja Quarels—better known as Monifa or Mo-Mo—is a very special person, regardless of her age. Born in the Haight, she moved with her family to Bernal Heights in 1974, just before her little brother Ken was born. When asked why she turned out so ambitious, well-rounded, outgoing, she replies, "My parents are old-fashioned. They taught me to excel in what I want to do—be the best you can be."

Her father Willie, a Muni supervisor, comes from Louisiana, and is of French, Creole, Indian, and Black heritage. "My great-great-great-great-grandmother was an Indian princess, and a Frenchman named Qualls fell in love with her," she smiles as she relates this romantic tale. "We spell the name differently now, but it's originally French." Her mother Frenchie, a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, hails from Hartshorn, Oklahoma.



...Clerical Receptionist for Bernal Heights Community Center, Enterprise Medical Apprenticeship Program at Mt. Zion Hospital Pediatrics...

"I don't do things for my parents—they don't push me to do anything. I do what I do for myself. I want to be relevant," she insists. Monifa explains her work as an apprentice at Mt. Zion this past summer, "That doesn't necessarily reflect a special interest in medicine—I just have an interest in helping people."

...Volunteer at Laguna Honda Rest Home, Member of Bernal Journal Advisory Board, President of "Teens Inc.," SF Chapter, National Assoc. of Negro and Professional Women's Clubs...

When asked if she thinks she's different from most young people, Monifa smiles, "My friends tell me I've been in the books too long. I still want to be with my friends, in the group, to be popular—but I want to achieve, too!"

"Teens Inc." Youth of the Year 1986-87, School awards in Dance, Choir, Biology...Computer skills...

Monifa doesn't do drugs, alcohol, cigarettes. Why not? "I see people get sick, kill themselves drunk-driving or doing coke, in jail for life—I don't want to be a part of that!"

People skills: I work very well with people of all ages and enjoy being with people.

Monifa expressed her concerns about Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court. "That could impact all of us for a long time, if he gets in. I'm liberal—my ideas on abortion, birth control, sex and race equality are very different from Bork's!" But do her liberal views create a conflict with her religious beliefs? "Not at all. I'm a practicing Baptist; I read the Bible—it makes me feel like I'm a part of God."

Not mentioned in her resumé is Mr. Eyes, her three-year-old Burmese/Maine coon cat. "I love animals, too!"

If she could reach everybody in Bernal Heights, what would she say? "To Blacks—no, to all minorities: As my mother says: 'Never let a racist remark get you down!'" What is her advice to other Bernal youth? "Always have a goal, and never let it go!"

Every Kid's a Winner!



Camp Fire's these, "Every Kid's a Winner!" encourages all children to enjoy new activities and learn new skills. Projects which promote self-reliance, self-esteem, resistance to peer pressure, and community service help to underline this theme.

CAMP FIRE BOYS AND GIRLS is a National co-ed youth agency, which celebrates its 78th birthday this year. Over 20,000 Bay Area residents are served by Camp Fire programs each year. Anyone interested in learning more about Camp Fire, or enrolling a child in the program call 752-2600.

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Sorry I didn't get to talk to you longer and explain more about the asbestos at Paul Revere School. I realize how scared you must be after spending six years there in elementary school. That's the same question that we teachers and other school workers have been asking each other, administrators, and our doctors for a while now.

The school district and many doctors tell us there's not much to worry about. The most frequent answer is that if you smoked a pack of cigarettes a day, you'd have a greater chance of getting lung cancer than if you were exposed to a greater amount of asbestos than we have for the same amount of time. The doctors also talk about predisposition—maybe your body is just more susceptible to getting lung cancer. This does not make me feel too secure, seeing that two janitors who worked at McAteer died from asbestosis.

I talked to George Ikeda, head of Building and Grounds, the other day and he assured me that the work is going along to clean out the Paul Revere ventilation system. Parts of the school are open because a double check showed that there was no asbestos present in the cafeteria, the main office, and the front hallway. Right now, no asbestos dust is anywhere where there are people.

It was a terrible shock for me to come back from vacation to find the school closed and everything turned upside down. Mrs. Louise Look, the Principal, has done a great job in getting the faculty together and in trying to have everything running as smoothly as possible. Nine of us had to move completely out of our rooms. Can you imagine 20 years' worth of all the things teachers save? Believe me, it was work. But with the help of other teachers, my son Joaquin, family, and friends, it got done. We couldn't even get into the bungalows until a few hours before school began.

My class was less than thrilled with their new room, but now that we've unpacked the boxes, arranged the shelves, set up centers, and started work, it's not too bad. The only worry now is vandalism. Please keep an eye out for anyone trying to mess up the bungalows. Little kids have to spend their days there and I'm trying to make it as pleasant as possible for my students.

The Superintendent told us that those of us exposed for long periods of time to the ventilation system asbestos will have some kind of testing, but doctors have told us that nothing will probably show because the longest any of us have been there is about twelve years. Twelve years may seem long, but as I said, diseases related to asbestos show up later in life.

I don't know if this answers your question; I can't be any more explicit than this because we don't know much more ourselves.

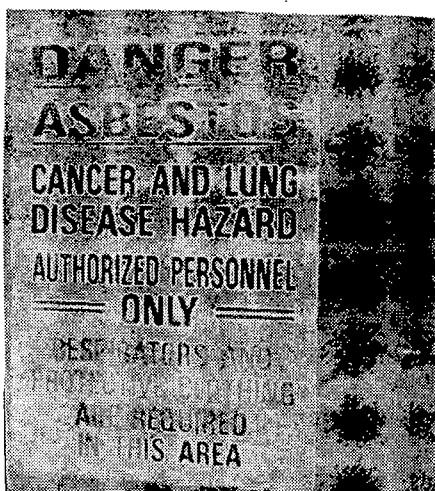
So, maybe you could stop smoking, huh? It might even up your chances.

Take care of yourself.

Fondly,

Judy Drummond

Teacher, Paul Revere School



**¿Nos enfermaremos por haber
ido a las escuela Paul Revere?**

Todavía no hay una respuesta clara a la pregunta. Se dice que la persona que fuma más de un paquete de cigarrillos por día tiene más peligro de cancer y debe preocuparse.

En la escuela Paul Revere se encontró asbesto en las clases y por eso los niños están asistiendo clases en las casitas de atrás de la escuela. No hay asbesto en la cafetería y por eso los niños pueden comer allí.

Para mí, fue una gran sorpresa tener que moverme de mi clase. Maestras siempre tienen muchas cosas y fue muchos trabajo movernos. Les pido que sean vigilantes y llamen a la policía si ven que alguien está entrando o destruyendo a las casitas de clase.



Judy Drummond and class at their new "classroom".

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The Future of Bernal Youth

by Fred Allingham

If you were under 18 years of age and lived in Bernal Heights, what would you do for fun in your spare time? Where would you go for sports activities, help with school work, or just social activities? Here, these may be rhetorical questions. But for the Bernal youth these questions have everyday meaning. Unfortunately, except for St. Kevin's SKY program and the limited opportunities at Precita Center, the Bernal Gym, and the BHCF's Bernal Journal and MISY Programs, there is little in the way of organized activities for youth on the hill.

The concerns of the adult community in Bernal are well represented via groups that deal with open space, affordable housing, East Slope and Northwest Bernal development, urban gardening, and electoral interests. We at the BHCF believe it is time for a youth interest group—a group made up of both adults and youth who have a particular commitment to providing our youth with the opportunity to participate in positive community activities.

If you're concerned about drug and alcohol abuse among our youth, about those who appear to hang out aimlessly on Cortland, or about the lack of positive

social activity on the hill, you're a candidate for the interest group. If we want our young people to

respect the adult community, we must demonstrate our caring and respect for them.

The BHCF is writing grant proposals to ensure the continued opportunity for youth to work with the *Bernal Journal*. We're preparing to apply for other grants to provide additional services to youth. But it takes an impressive program with impressive community input and support to receive funds. We want both youth and adults to participate in this funding effort.

Even with this kind of support, total funding of such a program is unlikely. There will never be enough funds for staff and expenses to operate a good, fun, productive youth program. We will need community volunteers, fundraising, equipment, and commitment if we are to be effective. This is a call to the community to join us in what is an important community effort. We will be holding a **community meeting on Thursday, October 15**, at the Neighborhood Center on these efforts. Our future is inextricably tied to the future of our youth and their ability and willingness to become a productive part of the community.

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Bernal Outreach to Register Hispanic and Filipino

Voters



On Sunday, August 16 and Sunday, August 23, voter registration was conducted at St. Kevin's and St. Anthony's Catholic Churches. Fathers Jim O'Malley and John Fowle were very supportive of the effort. The bilingual registration drive was conducted with the Filipino American Voter Registration Project (FAVRP) and the Southwest Voter Registration Project (SWVRP). Pictured above outside mass at St. Kevin's are Anita Sanchez (FAVRP), Dimas Moncada (Saint Kevin's Youth Program), Eva Royale (SWVRP), Father James O'Malley, Buck Bagot, two registrants, and Marivic Mabanag (Director, FAVRP).

Supe du Jour

Reviving a past Bernal Journal custom, "Supe du Jour" will again be a regular feature. We will pose one or two questions to a different SF city supervisor each issue.

QUESTION: What are the problems of children, youth, and families in San Francisco?

ANSWER: The problem begins with a complete lack of coordinated services to children, youth and families and the money to fund those needed services. That's not the final answer, but that is the beginning of the answer. We need to take a look at what would happen if we actually offered a coordinated approach to planning and service delivery before we can nail down specific problems like lack of playground supervision or drug usage or different kinds of school programming.

As you may know, many of us have long had a vision of creating some sort of Commission on Children, Youth and Families to provide a single, unified, organized forum for assuring the appropriate



and adequate provision of services to children, youth and families in San Francisco. I believe the time has finally come to organize all of us into one group with one voice with which to ask the voters of San Francisco to support the creation of a coordinated system of delivering services to children and youth and the funding to make it possible.

As I see it, we will need to ask the voters to approve funding, which will probably mean a tax of some sort. Proceeds of the tax I envision would be

restricted to new services -- money to fill the gaps in children and youth services so that San Francisco's children grow up in a city which provides for needs in a caring, responsive and sensitive manner.

Some of the funds would be used to support a Commission on Children, Youth and Families, modeled after the City's Commission on Aging, with appointments to both the Commission and to an Advisory Council to assure broad community participation and support. This Commission would be charged with administering the new tax and would also be required to develop, update, and maintain a Master Plan describing the provision of services to children, youth, and families and including short-term and long-term objectives and recommendations for improving existing services. I also see the Commission as the vehicle for coordinating programs and addressing and, I hope, ending the unnecessary duplication of services.

One possible source of the new tax may be an increase in the property tax rate. I have asked the City Attorney to advise me as to the legality of such a tax increase. Based on estimated property tax revenues for the Open Space Fund in 1987-88, a tax increase (which requires a two-thirds vote) of 5 cents per \$100 valuation would raise approximately \$20 million while costing the owner of a property valued at \$150,000 about \$75 per year. This is a small investment for San Francisco's citizens to make for our children and youth.

Your Fair Share

SHARE is a monthly food package that can be purchased for \$12 in cash or food stamps and two hours of community service. The value is between \$25 and \$35. The package varies each month but always contains frozen meat, staples such as rice, beans, or pasta, packaged foods, and fresh fruits and vegetables. The August food package contained:

- 3 lbs. potatoes
- 2 lbs. onions
- 3 lbs. carrots
- 3 lbs. oranges
- 1 coconut
- 1 jar Grey Poupon mustard
- 1 lb. pasta shells
- 1 lb. brownie mix
- 2 lbs. brown rice
- 1 1/2 lbs. pears
- 2 lbs. plums
- 1 lb. cherry tomatoes
- 2 wild rice stuffing mix
- 1 mushroom stuffing mix
- 5 lbs. chicken thighs
- 1.6 lbs. smoked turkey breasts
- 1 lbs. chicken hot dogs



SHARE is active in 11 cities in the United States and feeds over 70,000 families each month. By buying in bulk and using volunteer labor, SHARE is able to provide a real savings to participants.

SHARE is for everyone! It is not a charity or government program, and anyone can participate.

The Bernal Heights program collects the money at St. Kevin's Church on the second weekend of each month, and the food is distributed the fourth Saturday of the month. This is our third month at St. Kevin's, and each month more people sign up.

If you would like more information about the St. Kevin's SHARE program, call Gail Corbett or John Lyon at 285-5159. Please do not call the rectory.

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- 1 coco
- 1 frasco de mostaza
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- 2 libras de arroz
- 1 1/2 de peras
- 2 libras de ciruelas
- 1 libra de tomates chicos
- 5 libras de gallina
- 1.6 libras de guajolote
- 3 libras de hot dogs

Se puede pagar sus \$12 en la iglesia St. Kevin el segundo fin de semana de cada mes. La comida se dará el cuarto sábado de cada mes.

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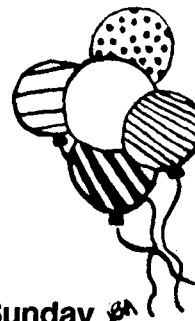
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District Elections

Yes on P

by Buck Bagot

On Election Day—Tuesday, November 3, 1987—vote **YES ON P**, and put City Hall back in the hands of the people.

With over 30,000 signatures, District Elections of Supervisors qualified for the ballot on the strength of a citywide grassroots effort. Thousands of you and your Bernal neighbors helped place Proposition P on the ballot. Now it's time to join the **YES ON P** campaign and put political power back in the hands of the neighborhoods.

DISTRICT ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS—WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

At present, the Board of Supervisors is elected in citywide elections. Under a district system, our Supervisors would be elected out of eleven neighborhood districts. Ours is District Nine—Bernal Heights, Glen Park, Sunnyside, and Ingleside. (See map).

As you probably remember, we enjoyed district elections for a few short years in the past. During that time, we elected a Bernal neighbor—Nancy Walker—to be our supervisor in District Nine. After the change back to citywide elections, Nancy was re-elected citywide.

BROAD SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION P

Now, as President of the Board, Supervisor Nancy Walker is supporting the return of district elections. She is joined in this support by ex-Bernal mailman Supervisor Harry Britt, as well as Supervisors Richard Hongisto and Carol Silver. The two front runners for Mayor of San Francisco, Assemblyman Art Agnos, and Supervisor John Molinari, both support **YES ON P**.

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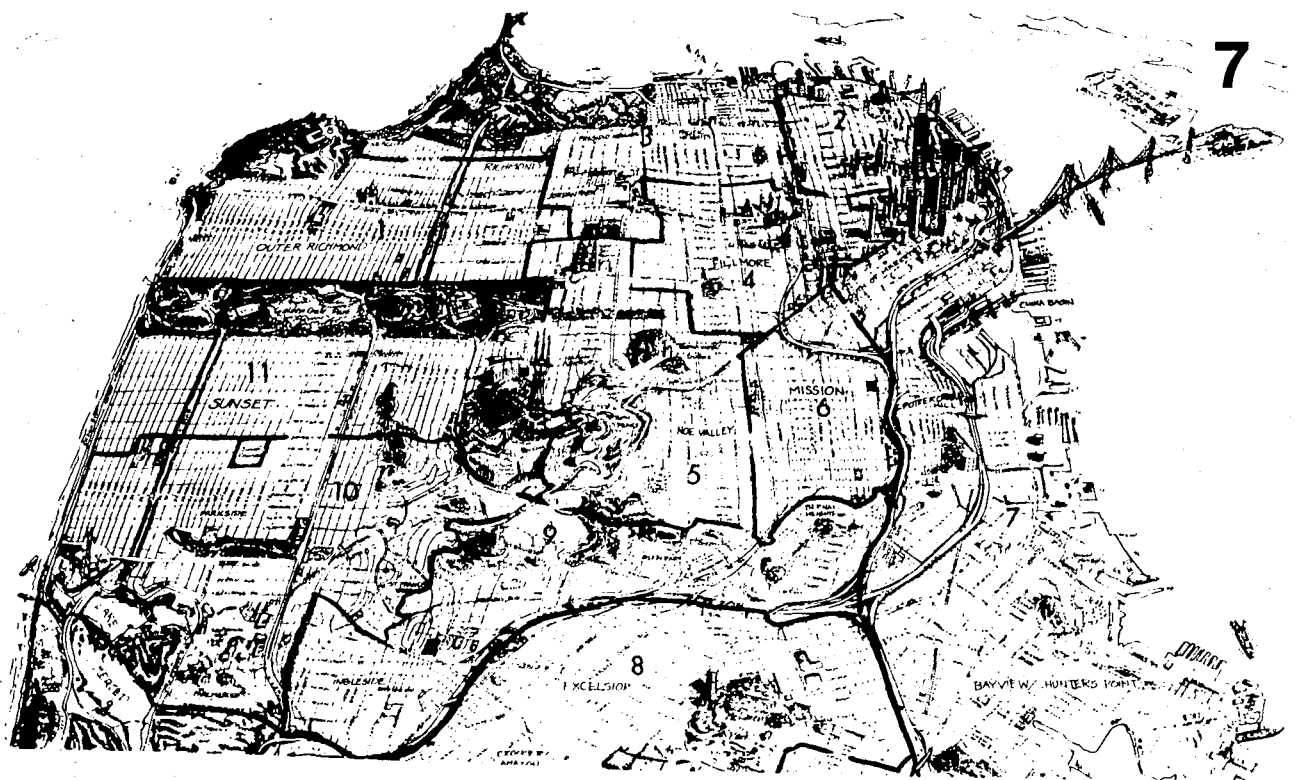
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Teen pregnancy:

What every teen and teen's parent should know

by Barbara Rosa, Nurse Practitioner

We keep reading and hearing about the increasing numbers of teenage girls who are getting pregnant. Why? Haven't we got the best education system in the world? Haven't we got more information available than ever before? Clearly, the answer is no! Many school systems offer no health and human sexuality courses, and the vast majority of parents are embarrassed and unable to talk about sexual issues with their teenagers. In fact, I suspect that many adults are woefully ignorant of human sexuality facts themselves and may often perpetuate myths and misinformation.

Another reason why teenage pregnancy is increasing is that many teenagers simply do not believe that anything bad can happen to them. There is massive denial of the risks. In their book *Talking With Your Teenagers*, Bell and Wildflower tell the story of a fifteen-year-old who got pregnant three times. When asked why she hadn't used birth control, she replied, "Because I didn't think I'd get pregnant."

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Adolescentes Y el Embarazo: Lo que cada padre y adolescente debe saber

Por nuestra falta de información y clases en educación sexual en las escuelas, un gran porcentaje de muchachas se encuentran embarazadas. Muchas veces los padres sienten vergüenza y no les hablan a sus hijas e hijos. Esta vergüenza causa que los adolescentes obtengan información falso de sus amigos. También adolescentes, por su juventud, niegan que algo les pase a ellos. "No creo que yo me embarazare".

La abstinencia sería una buena respuesta a prevenir el embarazo o AIDS, pero mucha gente va a tener relaciones sexuales. Es importante saber los metodos de prevenir el embarazo y educarnos de nuestros cuerpos. Padres deben de obtener esta información y contestar las preguntas de sus hijos.

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Is it bad, or B-A-A-A-D?

bad:

by Bianca Jimenez, Nicholas Macaluso, and
Claudia Arenas

Michael Jackson, once music's leading star, is now just a cheap imitation of his sister Janet. No longer creative, he has copied his sister's style and clothes, adopting a hermaphroditic persona.

His album mimics truly inspired artists. The title song "Bad" echoes L.L. Cool J's "I'm Bad" but has none of the Cool J up-to-date style.

Michael should go back into retirement while his legend is intact.

B-A-A-A-D:

by Liz O'Neill and Julie Gordon

Michael Jackson's continued popularity shocked music fans across the nation. After a five-year silence, his new "Bad" album has gained immediate success. His concert tou sold out after the first hour.

His uniques ability to provide a consistent danceable beat can be heard in all of the album's songs from the upbeat "Bad" to the slow, smooth "I Just Can't Stop Loving You." His screams punctuate the smooth melody of his high voice.

Once again, Quincy Jones has outdone himself in presenting Jackson's talents. As in the past, Michael has come out on top.

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All St. Kevin's Youth Monday night meetings are in the Old Hall from 7 pm to 9 pm.

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October 25:	Retreat at Sanborn Park in Saratoga Springs.
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Monday, November 2:	Drop In.
Monday, November 9:	Discussion group. Topic to be announced.
Monday, November 16:	Drop In.
Monday, November 23:	Drop In.
Monday, November 30:	Drop In.

NEXT DANCE: Saturday, December 26.



Nick, Claudia, and Bianca confer on their article for the New Bernal Journal.

For more information, contact any core member: Alex Torres, 285-0763; Amy Love, 641-1540; Angela Borvice, 285-9479; Diane Alvarez, 824-1909; Annie and Roark O'Neill, 824-0312; Pat Lynch, 824-9696; Steve Foy, 648-4913.

it's goin' on...

It's goin' on at the movies...

by Don Gibble

Can't Buy Me Love

Can't Buy Me Love has to be the most original movie this summer and fall. That surprised me because the film is geared to teenagers and usually teenage films are predictable and boring. Not so in *Can't Buy Me Love*. The director most likely took lessons from John Hughes (director of *The Breakfast Club*, *Sixteen Candles*, *Pretty in Pink*, *Some Kind of Wonderful*, and many others) The film stars two fairly new teenage actors, Amanda Peterson and Patrick Dempsey. It's refreshing to see new blood in teenage movies. Dempsey plays a nerdy senior who's madly in love with the prettiest cheerleader in school (Peterson). Dempsey has saved a thousand dollars for a state-of-the-art microscope and is just about to buy it when he sees Peterson in tears. She accidentally ruined one of her mother's outfits the night before at a party, and the outfit costs a thousand dollars. Dempsey develops a crazy idea. He offers Peterson a deal: he'll pay for the outfit if she pretends she's his girlfriend for a month. At first she's shocked but agrees to the outrageous charade. What happens next is so funny that you shouldn't read it in a newspaper, but you have to see it in a movie theater. So if you go to only one movie this month, make it *Can't Buy Me Love*.

Grade A

The Living Daylights

The Living Daylights stars Timothy Dalton as everybody's favorite movie hero, James Bond. After twenty-five years and fifteen movies, he's still as debonair as always. He's got the babes, got the cars, and still looks great in a tuxedo. The film starts out when Bond is assigned to help a Soviet diplomat escape to the West. The catch is he's being guarded by a beautiful, blonde sniper (played by newcomer Myriam d'abo) and Bond, who can't resist a pretty face, finds it impossible to kill her. So, with a little help from his old friends, Moneypenny and Q, he tries to find out who she is. Once again, Bond takes on beautiful girls, Russian spies, and outrageous chase scenes. And, defies death at every turn.

To be honest, I was expecting *The Living Daylights* to be disappointing because it stars a

new actor and people everywhere are bound to compare Timothy Dalton with Sean Connery and Roger Moore. I was obviously surprised. Dalton was excellent in the role. This film is far better than *A View to a Kill*, which was reminiscent of a cheap romance novel. *The Living Daylights* is possibly the best Bond movie since *Dr. No*. It has all the class and all the ingredients of Connery's films. It takes you all over the world. It shows you elegance, a real spy movie. There are great new gadgets, and a new Bond car, but don't get too attached, because, well, you'll see what happens when you go check it out. By the way there's a new Moneypenny, too.

Grade A

Friday Night

by R.J. Dutra



The eagle flies on Friday, and with fifty big ones, can fly real high: "Cinquenta! Fifty dollars for Pac Bell.... fifty for Lito; fifty to make a hundred!"

Head spinning, heart pumping, little "Lito" walks out the door onto Shotwell with a fifty-dollar bill folded neatly in two, inside an envelope inside an inside pocket. "Vaya a pagar la cuenta del teléfono, mi hijo," she says. "No problema, mamá, I'll pay the bill at 24th and Shotwell." "Keep the change, Lito." "Gracias."

But it's Friday night and the man has some fat PCP rocks; a fifty-dollar quarter, some parsley flakes, and a pack of Zig-Zags can yield seven to ten joints. "I turn that quarter quick," Lito thinks, "pay the bill before the place closes, and have eighty dollars, maybe even a hundred for me...órale."

Lito strolls to the spot: "What's up? You got it?" "I got it," he replies, "you got it?" The two slap five; bye-bye fifty, hello little yellow rock. Twenty cents to Pac Bell. "Haló mamacita, is it cool I come up and roll some linhos? We'll burn one too."

Meanwhile Jardell be scamming: "Come on man, front me a fat twenty dollars; I got two dudes waiting, I be booming tonight." It's not even dark yet, but Jardell's been selling Hubba and smoking up the profits since early afternoon. He breaks the twenty in two and sells each piece for twenty dollars; then still owing the twenty, takes his forty dollars, to another man and bargains for a fifty-dollar rock, "come on man, gimme a break, I got people waiting." Turn that fifty-dollar rock into sixty, go back and pay off the twenty dollars getting another fifty for forty, "turn that sixty is mine, I'm booming!" Curls flying, sweats styling, Jardell is on a run.

Friday night is fast. It's happening; money to be made, drugs to trade. Hubba and Dust, Jardell and Lito, young men in a rush. Tense and uptight, ghetto child out in the night; toke on the pipe, hit on the killer. "Rollers!" run from the black and white. "Is it cool? Is he a narc?" "No fronts, no burns, twenty dollars straight up." Two...four... six...eight, Lito and Jardell are booming, drugs turning, bills folded and growing sweaty and nervous? Take a toke, do a hit, drink a Bud, have some brandy, smoke

some weed, and chill out. These boys can consume some drugs!

Friday night flies and the eagle seeks its prey for someone must pay for all this play:

The smell of wet grass mixed with dog crap fills Lito's nose as he wakes up from a dust dream to a nightmare. Lying face down in the park, jacket pulled off, 501's pulled down, money gone, drugs gone, only the unpaid Pac Bell bill left... Ay, mi Dios, no, no, No!"

Not far away Jardell stands in a daze looking down at a pile of white rocks in his palm, not Hubba but candle wax. Still owing, he ran into a better deal, the sample smoked great, now his cash is gone, he owes sixty dollars here and forty dollars there and is holding a handful of wax. "Shit, I gave him a hundred dollars and my gold chain for this?"

Easy money; easy come, easy go...nothing to show. It's a jungle, sometimes makes me wonder how we keep from going under?

Q and A

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Teen pregnancy

by Barbara Rosa, Nurse Practitioner

Q: Can I get pregnant by "French" kissing?

A: No, you cannot. You can get pregnant only if sperm comes in contact with ovum, or eggs. There is no sperm or ovum in saliva.

Q: Must I have an orgasm to get pregnant?

A: No. To get pregnant, it isn't necessary for the male or the female partner to have an orgasm. Many people mistakenly believe that by interrupting intercourse they can successfully prevent pregnancy. Unfortunately, there are thousands of sperm in the pre-ejaculate fluid that leaks out of the penis before an orgasm. Those sperm are just as capable of impregnating an ovum as those contained in ejaculated semen.

Pregunta—¿Me puedo embarazar con "French Kissing"?

Respuesta—No, el embarazo sólo es cuando el esperma se une con el huevo. No hay esperma o huevo en la saliva.

Pregunta—¿Tengo que sentir un orgasmo para embarazarme?

Respuesta—No. Mucha gente cree mal que se puede prevenir el embarazo al interrumpir el acto sexual. El liquido que sale al principio también tiene esperma que puede causar el embarazo.

More "Q and A" in the next issue!

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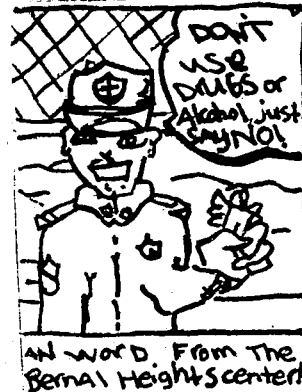
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The Exploratorium is open exclusively for school field trips Wednesday through Friday mornings, from 9 am to 1:00 pm, through June 1988. Teachers or parents must make advance reservations by calling 563-7337. There is a \$1.25 charge per student, which includes free Exploratorium "Pathways," exhibit-based student guides to different subject areas within the museum.



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10 Open Space Update

by Lisa Steadman

- Three new community gardens of mini-parks are being planned for "paper streets" in Bernal Heights. ("Paper streets" are bits and pieces of streets which are really undeveloped, but exist on the map). The Prospect Avenue garden, between Cortland and Santa Marina, was funded by a Community Development Block Grant through SLUG, the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners. Because of grant restrictions, this money must be spent in 1987. The neighbors are working hard to develop a good design...A "Peace Garden" is being planned on Powhattan between Ellsworth and Gates Streets. We are hoping to build a mosaic in the form of a sundial, so start collecting bits of broken ceramic, bottle caps, and other durable, smooth, colored objects. Supervisor Bill Maher has agreed to take the final plans for the garden to the Department of Public Works to obtain their help in construction...Another "Peace Park" is being organized along the Mayflower easement. Five blocks long, it will connect the East Slope with Bernal Hilltop Park. We have asked the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program team to help clear the fennel so we can get started on the park...And just what is a *peace park*? Basically, it's an idea that everyone has something to contribute to. To learn more about it, come to the Bernal Heights Open Space Committee (OSC) meetings, the last Thursday of every month at the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center.

- Along the theme of peace and creativity: respect for one another and for the integrity of our hilly little neighborhood is the glue that keeps us together. Over the last few years, lot of work, thought, and concern has been invested in changing the top of the hill from a trash dump to a natural area and recreational resource. But while some people discuss whether to plant non-native species seeds along the jogging path, others have been carving their initials and political concerns into the earth. After much lobbying, Sacred Heart School agreed to take responsibility for their students' vandalism, and the "SH" scars have begun to fade. Groups with an ax to grind over such destruction should take an ad out in the *New Bernal Journal*, where responsible folks can empathize.

- Those of us who thought that appointing a neighborhood building review board would end out-of-scale and inappropriate development were in for a rude shock when that new building appeared on Elsie Street. The very tall structure actually conforms to the *letter*, in not the intent, of the Elsie Street Plan. It seems that we need to clarify our guidelines, participate in the workings of the review board, and think about some of the solutions that have been suggested for other

Garden Plots Available!

Ogden Terrace garden is a community garden located on Ogden Street between Prentiss and Nevada. We have 26 plots gardened by families, individuals, and students at Paul Revere School. Several plots are vacant, and we are looking for gardeners. If you are interested in gardening or would like more information, please call Jane Woodhouse at 695-0249.

neighborhoods: height limits, caps on square footage, extending RH-1 zoning throughout the neighborhood, a moratorium on demolition permits...

- Lastly, the 707 trees that OSC arranged to have planted in Bernal were the last ones planted with OCD (Office of Community Development) funds. Louise McCorkle, executive director of S.F. Friends of the Urban Forest, wrote to us stating that it is likely Bernal Heights will in 1988 be removed as an area eligible for funding. OSC will continue working to ensure that our goal of greening Bernal streets through community action and participation continues through other channels. Reminder: If you have a newly planted tree, it is crucial to water them this fall, once a week, for 20 minutes.

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ELSIE'S WOES (continued from page 1)



remains: how many more houses this tall will be built on the hill?

Bonview residents are concerned about the loss of views and the resulting declining property values. Residents on Virginia and Elsie are concerned over loss of parking spaces. Many neighbors are wondering how the major construction of a dozen or more houses at once will affect the community.

Next steps are to review the plans for other buildings still in "the pipeline" to be approved, and to decide what should be done. Future actions include meeting with owner-builders and lobbying the city to tighten up building requirements on the hill to prevent out-of-character development (four-story houses being built in a "two-story" neighborhood). In other words, the original 1978 Elsie Street Plan guidelines must be strengthened and updated for the '80s.

If you're interested in the latest "Elsie Street battle", call Charles at 647-8861.

TEEN PREGNANCY (continued from page 7)

Some people say that the simplest solution is abstinence: just say no! Especially now with the very real threat of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, it is best for teenagers and adults to be less sexually active. But let's face reality: people will continue to have sex, and therefore we must educate them.

Literally millions of American teenagers are having sexual intercourse without using any contraception. When you hear the kind of questions teenagers ask, you realize how uninformed they are about their own bodies and the physiology behind conception. Their questions also highlight the curiosity they have about human sexuality.

My advice to adults: Educate yourselves, and be honest in answering teenagers' questions about sex.

My advice to teenagers: Educate yourselves! It can happen to you!

For more info...

Both of these books go into much more detail on topics such as growth and development, anatomy, contraception, emotions, peer pressure, pregnancy and alternatives, and sexually transmitted diseases:

For parents: *Talking with your Teenager a Book for Parents*, by Bell and Wildflower

For teens: *Changing bodies, Changing Lives, a Book for Teens on Sex and Relationships*, by Bell et al

Teens: See centerfold for answers to some questions you may have...

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East Slope Update

by Maxine Nietz

The Planning Committee of the East Slope Preservation Committee has been working for over a year to implement permanent legislation to control development in the Brewster Corridor area (from Holladay to Brewster, from Esmeralda to Rutledge). In late June, Mayor Feinstein, reacting to the Supreme Court decision making cities liable for building moratoriums, vetoed the legislation. The bill was then returned to the City Attorney's office to be re-written to avoid conflict with the Court's decision.

At the same time, those wanting to build in the area initiated an Assessment District petition to construct a road with sewer and water services. The Department of Public Works (DPW) developed a preliminary plan for a road along Esmeralda and Brewster, from Franconia to Faith. This plan is a city-standard, 28-foot-wide road with 6-foot concrete sidewalks. In order to construct such a road, the DPW plan calls for a *concrete retaining wall* along the length of Brewster Street, averaging *over 19 feet high*. This proposal would change the shape of the hill both physically, by removing over *5,000 cubic yards of earth*, and economically, since the assessment for the average 25-foot-frontage lot would be \$58,897.

A hearing on the plan was held on July 31. Everyone present—residents, neighbors, and developers—spoke against the proposal as too expensive and not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. As a result of this strong negative showing, the DPW was instructed to go back to the drawing board.

Meanwhile, the Planning Committee met to work on an architectural model of the area, placing miniatures of existing buildings, giving local planners a three dimensional canvas for our ideas.

In August, the legislation emerged from the City Attorney's office as three separate bills: one is to fund the DPW studies of alternative road designs, with a provision for community input to the design process. The other two bills are a temporary and a three-year-maximum moratorium. At a meeting with the Planning Committee, Supervisor Nancy Walker, while continuing to support our goals of local planning, felt that the original bill along with the funding bill would provide the best overall solution. The City Attorney's office is now working from this new approach.

The Bernal Heights Community Foundation is working on a proposal of its own. They want to replace the DPW as the agency in control of funding and studies leading to design alternatives for Assessment District road.

As you can see, there are no quick solutions to the problems caused by development in the East Slope, and community support is always needed. Community input to the DPW design process is a new concept and we need your participation to make it work! If you are interested in the future of the East Slope, controlling development, and preservation of the neighborhood, join us. The Planning Committee meets at 7:15 pm, on the first Tuesday of each month, at the BHCF Community Center. Call Mike Reed at the BHCF (648-0330) for further information.

Bernal Library Staff Honored



In August Cathy Bremer and Vivian Sykes, librarians at the Bernal Heights Library, were nominated as team candidates for the San Francisco 1987 Public Managerial Excellence Award.

In making the nomination, the Acting City Librarian, Karen Scannell, cited the team's success in improving the usage and neighborhood acceptance of the branch. Both librarians came to the Bernal Branch only one year ago and, in Scannell's words, "have completely turned the branch around." The branch circulation for 1986/87 increased 57% over the previous year. Patron visits to the library increased by 148%. The unit cost for circulating a book dropped dramatically from \$5.22 to \$3.91.

Of course, the community helped in this effort by checking out books and attending the programs at the branch. An added benefit for this effort is an increase in the children's book budget for 1987/88.

The award winners will be announced later this fall at a luncheon honoring all nominees. The staff is proud to be representing the Bernal Heights community in this citywide competition.

Vivian and Cathy extend an invitation to any of you who haven't been to the library for a while to come in and see the improvements for yourself.

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Astro-rap

Who do you love?

Even if you don't have any Libra in your chart, you'll probably be thinking about relationships this month. Every year from roughly the 23rd of September to the 23rd of October the sun moves through the sign of Relationship. People start to focus upon the various close rapports in their lives, the marriages and close friendships and business partnerships, asking themselves, How does love work? How does LIKE work? What is cooperation all about?

Libra is associated with balance; its symbol is the scales. People with a lot of Libra in their charts are always weighing decisions, making cost analyses, putting the PROs of an issue in one column and the CONs in another, before they act. More impulsive types may find this procedure maddening. It may take your Libra boyfriend twice as long to order in a restaurant as it takes you.

But it is Libra's search for symmetry that constitutes its genius. Elegantly refined, Libra's aesthetic strives for evenness in artistic matters: the colors in an outfit must be harmonious, the composition in a painting must be balanced. To truly irritate a Libra, invite her to a dinner where the centerpiece is lopsided, with all the candles and flowers down at one end of the table.

Visually and socially, Libra will move into a situation and round out the corners of excess in order to promote a soothing moderation. In order to find some golden mean, Libra positions itself in the middle of antagonistic possibilities, like the moderator of a debate or the umpire at a baseball game.

At its best, this sign embodies the phenomenon of FAIRNESS. Libra personalities appear indecisive only because they understand so well the dynamics of compromise, of one person complementing another, of just plain getting along.

Libra specializes in human relationship because relating is always a test of balance. Every union, whether platonic, romantic, or competitive, has a built-in tension between the urge for self-expression and the urge to merge with the other person.

This dilemma is the struggle of Libra, the sign that does not know who it is except in relation to other people. Relationship to Libra is an ideal concept. Each coupling is a little one-to-one microcosm of a peaceful world.



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named Arthur Michaels bought eleven lots on the 100 block of Elsie Street and planned to build a wall of shoeboxes 275 feet long and 50 feet high on the downhill slope. He didn't care that the street was barely 16 feet wide, that fire access was impossible, and that his building would threaten the lives and property of residents on Elsie and the surrounding streets of Winfield and Bonview. City Hall didn't care either. But Bernal residents of the Northwest slope had had enough. They fought back.

THE FIRST ELSIE STREET PLAN

Through their organization, the Northwest Bernal Block Club, the residents won a moratorium on development on the street until they could write their own plan for their neighborhood. They involved hundreds of their neighbors in writing the plan, and in the fight at City Hall to win its passage; the Elsie Street Plan was passed by the City Planning Commission on July 13, 1978. The headline in the *SF Examiner* said: "City Gives Elsie Street to the People." In the Elsie Street Plan, the Northwest Bernal Block Club won powers that to this day no other neighborhood in the city enjoys over development. (See box for more on the first Elsie Street Plan). Other parts of the Hill, with the same problem of speculative development on substandard or nonexistent streets, took up the fight. Residents of the East Slope wrote and won passage of the East Slope Study. Powhattan and Folsom neighbors did some planning of their own, and defeated unsafe, speculative development in their area too. But if the price of freedom is eternal vigilance, then the same goes for neighborhood preservation! The battles are far from over.

BERNAL GROUPS ORGANIZE TO FIGHT BACK

Bernal residents are gearing up for the latest round in the effort to preserve the wonderful diversity of our neighborhood—a diversity of many ethnic and racial groups, a mixture of income levels, and a beautiful patchwork of sun and open space and different architectural styles. A set of Bernal organizations are banding together again to fight to save the hill.

Members of organizations working all over the neighborhood to preserve and improve Bernal Heights have held two meetings to plan a collective response. In attendance were:

Charles Bolton, Northwest Bernal Block Club (NWBBC)

Marc Frauenfelder, NWBBC Building Review Board

Terry Milne and Mary DeYoe, East Slope Building Review Board
E. Jerry Powell and Norma J. Planiczka, East Slope Preservation Committee
Cathy Angus and Herb Felsenfeld, South Slope Community Organization
Amanda Feinstein, Office of Supervisor Nancy Walker
Tim Molinari, Bernal Heights Community Foundation (BHCF)
Steve Antonaros, NWBBC Building Review Board and BHCF
Buck Bagot, BHCF
Linda Aurichio, Bernal Heights Open Space Committee

They are considering efforts to:

- win a one-year ban on demolitions
- downzone Bernal Heights
- strengthen the building guidelines of the Elsie Street Plan
- support the East Slope Special Use District and the safe, planned development of the East Slope
- produce more community-developed, affordable housing for Bernal residents
- win back funds for Bernal street trees cut from the Community development budget

Each person at the meeting is carrying a request back to their parent organization to endorse a joint organizational effort to preserve our neighborhood. The 'group of groups' will continue to meet to develop a unified position on the issues and legislative choices facing the Hill. They have invited the city supervisors who have authored the legislation in question to a mass Bernal meeting. The neighborhood will have a chance to tell the legislators what they want in any legislation that impacts our neighborhood—and what we want out as well!

It's your neighborhood, so have a say in its future. Make history—save Bernal Heights. It's the best neighborhood in the best city in the world!

For more information, or to contact the organization in your area, call the Bernal Heights Community Foundation at 648-0330, or Buck at 695-0424.



Special thanks to Emma Howling and Beulah Hargren for their thoughtful contributions to the Bernal Journal Youth Project!

THE ELSIE STREET PLAN—WHAT IT SAID, WHAT IT'S DONE

CHARTER: "To maintain and promote the existing integrated ethnic, socio-economic, and architectural composition of our neighborhood."

* **Goal:** To build a safe street on the 100 Block of Elsie St. prior to any further development.
Result: The street was built, according to the Plan's design.

* **Goal:** Set up a Neighborhood Building Review Board with "Building Criteria for New Construction—Design Guidelines, Energy Guidelines, and Cost Guidelines".
Result: The Review Board was instituted, with the Plan's Design and Energy guidelines. The Cost Guidelines—a profit limitation on speculative development and an anti-speculation tax—were defeated by City Hall.

* **Goal:** Enact strong rent control and anti-speculation cost controls.
Result: The Mayor defeated some supervisors' attempt to win rent control on vacant apartments and the anti-speculation ordinance.

* **Goal:** Set up a "Non-Profit Community development Corporation...to expand the democratic neighborhood participation...in development...and to build housing for low and moderate income people...plus low interest loans for rehabilitation and new construction."
Result: Since its creation out of the Elsie Street Plan, the Bernal Heights Community Foundation has raised over \$8 million for projects and programs for the preservation of Bernal heights, including the Neighborhood Center, the Home Rehab Program, the affordable Holladay Avenue Homes, and the BHCF's latest triumph: the Coleridge Park homes, 49 units of low income senior housing which recently began construction at Mission and Virginia Streets.

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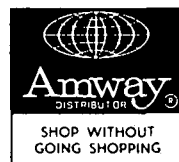
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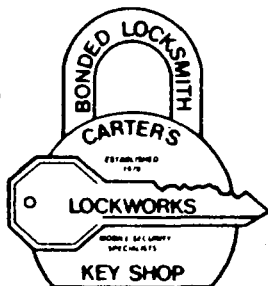
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SHEDDING SOME LIGHT...

by Supervisor Bill Maher

Those of us who are lucky enough to live on "the Hill" know it's a pretty special place: close-knit, individualistic, blessed with gorgeous weather, charming houses, and splendid views. We are a neighborhood of do-ers, people who make things happen, things like the new hillside park and tree plantings and playground lots—things that improve the livability of our neighborhood. I'd like to propose the citizens of Bernal Heights think about another improvement to our neighborhood: removing the above-ground power poles and power lines and putting them underground.

The power poles and lines provide a lot of services, including electricity, telephone, street lighting, police and fire alarms and cable television services. But they do clutter the rooflines of the streets and interfere with the spectacular views we enjoy.

Since the late 1800s the city has had a program to put such lines underground. Run by the Department of Public Works, the program involves sharing the costs among the various utility companies, the city, and the individual homeowners on each street (who pay an interconnection charge). Through this program about one-third of the city has been "undergrounded," usually a few blocks at a time. Of course, in areas where new homes are being built, individual developers often put the lines underground (and there is nothing to prevent individuals from contracting directly with the utility companies, at their own charge).

The city's program has drawbacks. First is the cost. Because most undergrounding is done in small areas of a couple of blocks, the engineering and paving costs are high for the limited work done. Therefore, it costs about \$2 million, typically, to place one mile of utilities underground.

Second, in an era of budget restraint, there is not much city money available for the program. The funds available from PG&E, the major provider, is about \$3 million a year for the next five years. The city's share is about 8.9%, or \$225,000 this year. Even with other utility's funds, the program can only underground about 2 to 2.5 miles per year. This year money was added because the bond funds that pay for undergrounding had run out.

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MISY PROGRAM CUT (continued from page 1) 13
problems of youth, but actions speak louder than words.

The current mayor, supervisors, and those aspiring to office need to know the community's priorities. The community needs to know theirs. Others, besides youth, are hurt by the death of the MISY Program. The work sites, mostly nonprofit community agencies, will suffer the loss of free staffing. Families will lose the supplemental income some might have used to purchase school clothes and supplies.

With so little being offered to youth in San Francisco, cutting this program is particularly devastating. Let the mayor know how you feel about her cuts! Write to the Mayor at City Hall, SF, CA 94102, or call her office at 558-6161. Suggest other areas in the city budget where funds can be cut instead of the MISY Program.

Response from you can have an impact on the mayor's decision!

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All children who are members of Junior Academy are eligible to enroll in activities. Membership in the Junior Academy is \$10 a year for each child and includes free admission to the Academy of Sciences and Morrison Planetarium; the membership is waived if the parents have a membership to the Academy of Sciences. For further information and a complete schedule call Junior Academy at 750-7100.



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Around the neighborhood...

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HOW COME?

by Monifa Quarels

How come my legs are too fat on top,
too thin at the bottom
and her legs
are all-the-way-down great?

How come when she puts her hands
around her waist, her fingers meet,
and my fingers don't even come
close?

How come she has so many clothes—
a thousand sweaters,
five hundred pants,
(not to mention jackets)
and I only have 10 decent outfits
to my name?

How come she got a 97 on
the science test
and I only got 85
when she didn't study
and I did?

How come when she puts her hair
up it's right
with curly tendrils
and when I put my hair up it
just looks messy—
with straight wisps?

How come when she says something
stupid
everyone thinks she's cute
and when I say something stupid
everyone just thinks I'm stupid?

How come when you go to her house
it's always super-neat—
even her room—and her mother
bakes and is never in a bad mood?

How come everyone likes her
—every boy walking—
but girls too. And teachers.
Little kids. Animals.
Even my parents.
(They find something wrong with
everyone else!)

How come if she's so pretty and nice
and likable—
I Hate Her!
How Come?



My Wall

by Tra'-C Phillips

I've built a wall around myself
which no one else can see
It's made of lies, doubts, fears, and hate
which have all been offered to me

My wall is my security
my protection and my friend
If all else fails to help me
on my precious wall I'll always depend

I used to stand all alone
so confident, happy, strong, and free
But bit by bit I've torn apart
until my wall was built for me

My dreams I still consider
Although I do not live for the future
Nor do I dwell in the past
I take small steps day by day
hoping my wall will last

I've put up with the heartache
the bullshit and the jive
the sweet and sensitive faces I've
met have all turned into lies

So here I stand hidden behind my wall
isolated in my own world
Where my dreams and thoughts are no
longer important
And each falling tear I cry is ignored

So you see my friend
I've been there too
Standing out there in the cold
but the help of my strong wall
I now have found something to hold

I'm holding on to the present
making each day as bright as can be
If someone starts to push me down
my wall picks me up and stands me
on my feet.

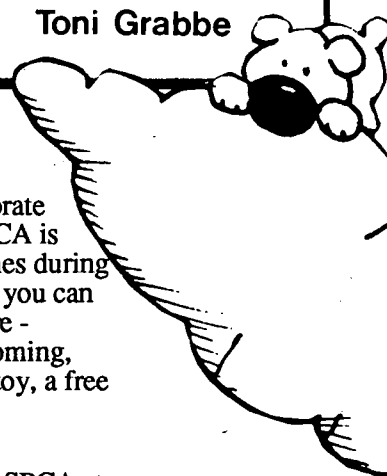
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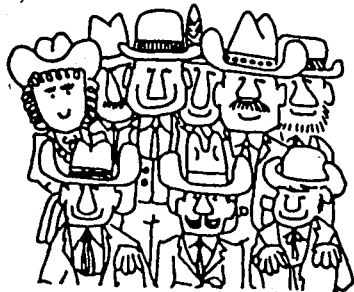
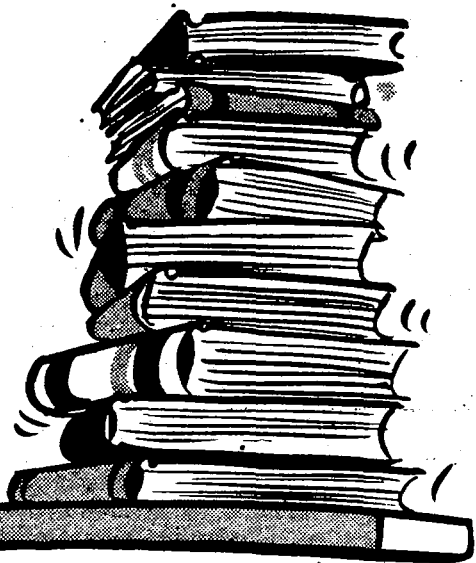
- * BHCF Board of Directors -- Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
- * Neighborhood Center Committee -- Second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
- * Planning and Development Committee-- Second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
- * Outreach Committee -- Call 648-0330 for date and time.
- * Senior Advisory Council -- First Monday of each month, 1:00 p.m.
- * Senior Bingo -- Every Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Special BHCF Events:

- * BHCF Membership Drive -- Please help us sign up new BHCF members and recruit volunteers for BHCF activities. October 10, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and Tues. Oct. 13 and Thurs. Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m..Meet at the Neighborhood Center. Canvass in pairs. Refreshments for all.

Other Community Group Meetings at the Neighborhood Center:

- * East Slope Building Review Board -- Every Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- * East Slope Planning Subcommittee -- First Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
- * Northwest Bernal Bldg. Review Board -- Second & Third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
- * Alcoholics Anonymous -- Every Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
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- * Narcotics Anonymous -- Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- * Fundamentalists Anonymous -- Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
- * Open Space Committee -- Last Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
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Tue., Nov 3 10:30 am Wed., Nov 4 7:00 pm	Native American Stories Crafts and stories (all ages)
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